

I would also express my appreciation of the good work of the other Members of the Marumakkathayam Committee, and also of the way in which this important piece of legislation has been dealt with in this Council at different stages. I particularly wish to express my appreciation of the anxiety evinced by the Nair Members of the Council to come to some unanimous conclusion on every one of the numerous (and some of them undoubtedly difficult) points at issue, and also, if I may mention it now, the anxiety of the non-Nair Members to help their Nair colleagues with advice and suggestion, as far as that could be done by outsiders.

And that brings me, Gentlemen, to a point which has always struck me as a very favourable feature in the work of this Council, I mean, the remarkable cordiality which has always prevailed here, the anxiety which the non-official Members have always shown to understand the Government point of view in regard to matters about which we are particular, and I am sure that they would bear me out when I say that we, on our part, have been equally anxious to understand their point of view and to defer to it as far as possible. The result has been that our laws are passed with practical unanimity, and there have been very few occasions when the Council had to divide. I feel certain that, in point of quality and quantity, the record of this Council need not fear comparison with that of any other institution of its kind.

And now, Gentlemen, I have only to express my fervent concurrence with Mr. Kesava Pillai in his hope that the Nair Regulation would, as time advances, be felt to an increasing extent as a most beneficial measure, and that it would help the members of this important community to improve their social condition and secure for themselves an increasing amount of peace, well-being and happiness.

THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL.

In introducing the Bill, Mr. Vieyra briefly explained the necessity for the amendments proposed to Sections 8 and 9 of the Regulation, and he moved that the principle of the Bill be affirmed.

Mr. P. Kesava Pillai stated, in regard to the amendment to Section 9, by which it was proposed to give the President and Honorary Secretary of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, power to order the destruction of animals, that it was likely to lead to difficulties, by involving those officers of the Society in suits for damages, and that therefore it did not seem advisable to invest them with such power.

Mr. Madhavan Tampy also said that it was not desirable to give such power to persons who were not Government officers.

Mr. Richardson too thought it undesirable to give to the officers of the Society power to order the destruction of animals.

After some discussion, Mr. Vieyra withdrew the amendment to Section 9.

The Council then affirmed the principle of the amendment to Section 8.

Mr. Vieyra proposed that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. R. Ananda Row, P. K. Kesava Pillai and the Mover, to report within one month.

The motion was put and agreed to.

THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE CODE AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. Ananda Row proposed that this Bill which had been adjourned to this meeting, be taken up for consideration.

The motion was put and agreed to.